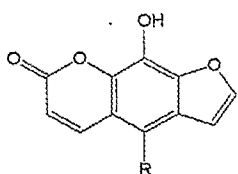


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A composition for promoting synthesis of collagen suitable for external application to skin, comprising, as an effective component represented by:



wherein R is a 3-methyl-2-butenyl group, and further comprising a skin softener.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The composition of ~~for external application to skin of claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the compounds represented by the chemical formula are included in the range of 0.000001 wt % to 10 wt % with respect to the entire composition.

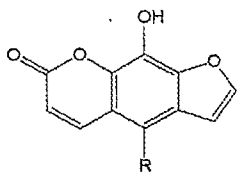
4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A method of promoting synthesis of collagen, by externally applying an effective component to skin, wherein the effective component is represented by:



wherein R is a 3-methy-2-butenyl group.

9. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component represented by the chemical formula is applied in the concentration of 0.000001 wt % to 10 wt %.

10. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component is externally applied to skin in a type selected from the group consisting of powder, gel, ointment, cream, and liquid,

11. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component is externally applied to skin in a type selected from the group consisting of foam, toilet water, cosmetic pack, skin softener, lotion, foundation, makeup base, essence, soap, liquid rinse, a bathing additive, sunscreen cream, sun oil, and spray liquid.

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